

HISTORIC STRUCTURE DATA SHEET

DATE COMPILED: 10/14/2019

COMPILER: Kimberly Steiner



SITE NAME *Ellis House*

CH # *none*

LISTED ON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE GIS MAP YES___ NO X

LOCATION

DESCRIPTION: *At corner of Bynum Church Road and Bynum Hill Road*

STREET ADDRESS: *143 Bynum Church Road, Pittsboro*

GIS COORDINATES: *35.772467, 79.141637*

TOWN/VICINITY *Baldwin Township > Pittsboro > Bynum*

COUNTY *Chatham*

OWNER

NAME: *SunShadows 4, LLC / Ken and Debbie Tunnell*

ADDRESS: *PO Box 311, Bynum NC 27228 / 282 Moore Mountain Road, Pittsboro*

USE

ORIGINAL: *Residence*

CURRENT: *Offices (currently leased by the Haw River Assembly)*

CONDITION EXCELLENT___ GOOD X FAIR___ DETERIORATED___ RUINS___

ARCHITECTURAL DATA

STYLE:

EXTERIOR MATERIAL(S): *vinyl over wood siding*

HEIGHT: *two story*

ROOF: *metal*

FAÇADE:

PORCH: *front porch (with modern railing and steps); side porch with handicap ramp*

CHIMNEY: *four chimneys (one brick and three hanging)*

HISTORICAL DATA

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1875

BUILDER (IF KNOWN):

ORIGINAL OWNER: *unknown*

FORMER OWNERS (IF KNOWN): *James Arthur and Bettie Lou Tripp Ellis*

WAS IT BUILT AT PRESENT LOCATION OR MOVED TO PRESENT LOCATION? BUILT MOVED

IF MOVED, DESCRIBE:

WAS IT BUILT IN SECTIONS/ARE THERE ADDITIONS? YES NO UNKNOWN

IF YES, DESCRIBE: *see below*

HAVE THERE BEEN MAJOR ALTERATIONS? YES NO UNKNOWN

IF YES, DESCRIBE:

NOTES

"James Arthur Ellis & wife Betty Lou Tripp Ellis purchased the house in March 31, 1978 from Chatham County Housing Authority (which purchased the house from JM O'Dell Manufacturing Company). James and Betty Lou were renting the house from JM O'Dell Manufacturing and were both employed at the mill. He was the foreman in the card room and she was in the spinning room. That's why the house was offered to them for purchase, because they were renting at the time HUD purchased from the mill.

According to the property card, the front of the house was built in 1875. We don't know when the other two sections were added on. The two story structure on the back, we believe was moved there and was added, along with the brick chimney built in place at some date unknown. The brick chimney is a double flue (fireplace up and downstairs). There was an outside porch running the length of the two story part on the south side and then enclosed when then the kitchen was joined to the house. The bathroom was added sometime around 1977. There is a hanging chimney in the kitchen and in both front rooms (the 1875 section). When you look under and in the interior walls it is obvious that the construction of the three/four sections are different. Some say the fourth section was when the small bathroom was added last." -Debbie Tunnell

The artist Clyde Jones of Bynum has painted the cement foundation of the exterior of the building, as well as a fireplace mantle in the interior of the house.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



